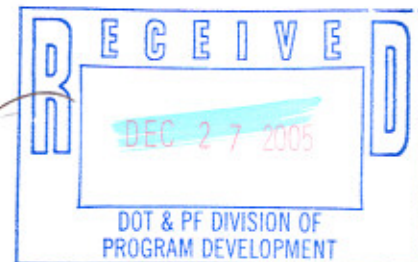




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December 22, 2005

Jeff Ottesen, Director
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Division of Program Development
3132 Channel Drive, Room 200, Mail Stop 2500
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Ottesen:

The Alaska Natural History Association is the educational nonprofit partner to the federal and state land management agencies within the state of Alaska. Since our founding before statehood the Association has been responsible for providing information about Alaska's public lands to Alaska's visitors. We are also a long standing partner to the Alaska Public Lands Information Centers.

In reviewing the draft 2006-08 STIP it has come to our attention that the new Visitor Center planned for Tok is no longer listed. For over five years this project has been moving forward in the planning, design and development of a new visitor facility to serve as a State-operated Alaska Public Lands Information Center, a new Tetlin Refuge Visitor Center and rest and trip planning facility for travelers along the Alaska Highway.

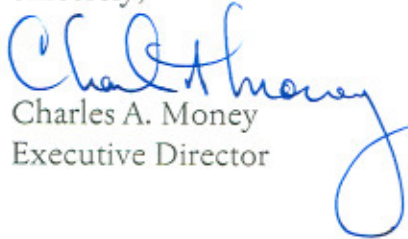
Strategically located in Tok, this facility will serve clients and visitors with comprehensive statewide trip planning and information on access to all of Alaska's public lands, rest and comfort amenities and Alaska Marine Highway reservations. As they enter Alaska and visit this facility, visitors will receive the most professional and inviting welcome befits this Great Land. The center will have the most current traveler's information related to road construction, wildfire conditions and weather to assist them with safe travel. We see this as a vital and intricate part of tourism infrastructure in Alaska and would like to see this center and project on the STIP.

Considerable funds and effort has already gone into this project and tremendous progress has been made. The project receives broad support from local communities, business, State and Federal agencies. We urge you to reinstate the Tok Interagency Public Lands and Rest Area Facility it in the 2006-2009 STIP. Speaking on behalf of our board of directors, we

remain committed to this project and its potential to serve as a world class welcome to thousands of visitors traveling to our great State.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Money". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Charles A. Money
Executive Director